

**NOVEL STRAINS OF THE BACILLUS SUBTILIS GROUP
FOR FOOD FERMENTATION**

ABSTRACT

- 5 The present invention pertains to novel strains of the Bacillus subtilis group capable of fermenting beans, which are essentially devoid of any iso-valeric acid production. The present invention especially relates to novel strains of Bacillus natto, in which one or more genes involved in the biosynthetic pathway for the production of iso-valeric acids are essentially non-functional.

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